

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Advisory Action dated March 7, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 5 and 11 are hereby amended; and claims 1-4 are hereby withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 5-14 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action the Examiner stated that stepping and fixed related to the mask is contradictory. Actually, Applicants believe that they are actually complementary. Stepping implies moving a particular distance and then stopping. The word "fixed" in claims 5 and 8 has been replaced with "set" to help clarify the invention. So "stepping the mask" to a "set position" teaches moving the mask a certain distance and then stopping the mask. So while stepping implies moving and then stopping, the inclusion of the "set position" language makes this feature more explicit. In the claimed method, this allows the application of a laser beam to crystallize a specific portion of the amorphous silicon film. Then the mask steps to a new set position to crystallize a new portion of the silicon film. This process is different from that described in the cited art, where the mask/substrate are moving continuously across the silicon film. Support for this feature of the present invention may be found at least in paragraphs 0038 and 0039.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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